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In accordance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, applicants and their attorneys wish to make of record the following patents and patent references, copies of which are provided herewith, in connection with the above-identified application. The citation of the following patents and patent references should not be construed as an admission that any of them constitute statutory prior art relative to the present application.

U.S. Patents

3,062,765

3,833,686*

4,086,296

4,107,114**

5,506,307*

6,031,047

Foreign References

EP 0 313 849** EP 0 697 423** FR 2 328 505**

The above-listed patents and patent references that are designated with an asterisk (*) are discussed in the specification of the present application. The above-listed patents and patent references that are designated with a double asterisk (**) have been cited in a European Search Report issued in connection with applicants' corresponding European Application No. 02 25 1051, filed February 15, 2002. A copy of the aforesaid European Search Report is enclosed herewith and provides an indication of the relevance of the patents and patent documents cited therein. In addition, it is noted that FR 2 328 505 is a non-English document. US Patent No. 4,107,114 corresponds to FR 2 328 505 and is, therefore, being cited and provided herewith to provide the Examiner with an English language version of FR 2 328 505. Applicants and their attorney are not currently in possession of an English-language translation of EP 0 313 849, but will be happy to provide such a translation upon the Examiner's request.

Applicants also take this opportunity to notify the Examiner of the existence of the following co-pending, commonly assigned U.S. patent application, which may be considered relevant to the present invention and a copy of which is submitted herewith for the Examiner's convenience and consideration:

U.S. Serial No. 10/082,274

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It is noted that the remaining three above-listed patents, i.e., US Patent Nos. 3,062,765, 4,086,296 and 6,031,047, have been cited during prosecution of the above-listed co-pending commonly assigned U.S. patent application (i.e., US Serial No.

10/082,274) and are, therefore, being cited and provided herewith for the sake of ensuring complete disclosure.

A completed Form PTO-1449 is being provided (in duplicate) herewith to facilitate the Examiner's consideration and entry of the above-listed patents and patent references in connection with the present application.

The filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to mean that a search has been made, or that no other material information as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(a) exists. The Examiner may find the enclosed documents to be relevant to the invention of the present application.

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